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- 11. (C) Per reftel, on 24 February PolCouns provided to the Foreign Ministry (MRE) Disarmament and Sensitive Technoligy Division Chief Santiago Mourao the USG position paper on the IAEA BOG meeting scheduled for 28 February to review developments in the agency's investigation of Iran since November 2004. Mourao reviewed the paper carefully and confirmed that several of the technical issues the USG wanted addressed were also issues of concern for the GOB.
- 12. (C) Mourao then provided the following additional comments:
- -- The GOB hopes that the technical issues in reftel and other outstanding questions can be answered by the agency's investigation by June, and before there is any consideration of going to the UNSC.
- -- Brazil believes it is the agency SG's responsibility to tell BOG members in clear terms when he feels he no longer has ability to resolve the outstanding issues with Iran. This decision is a dramatic one and should not be used as a negotiating or pressure tactic, Mourao said. Mourao reiterated the GOB's standing view that referral of the Iran question to the Security Council is an irrevocable step that should only be taken after the IAEA has exhausted every avenue and complied with all its responsibilities under its mandate.
- -- Brazil supports the European efforts with Iran and the GOB is telling the Iranians at every opportunity -- both in Brasilia and in multilateral fora -- that they must be responsive to the IAEA and forward-leaning in working with the Europeans.

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